

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF *CG*

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,
Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner Greg Chilcott

Date.....October 6, 2008

Minutes: Beth Perkins

- The Board met for a phone interview with a Planning Director applicant.
- The Board met for discussion of scheduling work sessions with County Advisory boards on public participation, public notices and agendas. Planner John Lavey and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles were present.

John stated he spoke to Paul Lachapelle from MSU Local Government Center to give a training session to County boards. It was determined to do all the boards at the same time. He stated the training itself is very germane to all citizen boards in the State of Montana and it reviews the legal issues and Robert's Rules of Order. There will be no charge for training and it runs two to three hours. John stated the problem is Mr. Lachapelle cannot be scheduled until February. Commissioner Chilcott stated it is important for the boards to understand they can not exclude the public from meetings. He stated the issue needs to be addressed now. John discussed contacting the County Attorney's Office for legal questions.

Glenda requested the issue of clerical work for the Streamside Setback Committee. John stated Civil Counsel Karen Mahar is investigating if there is a breach of transparency. Commissioner Grandstaff stated County Attorney George Corn is willing to look into it. Commissioner Chilcott stated it violated the resolution establishing the Committee. Commissioner Grandstaff stated the issues are the emails and communication. She is looking for some guidance from County Attorney George Corn. John stated the issue of communication on how boards work and contact each other as well as other boards and communication is a factor. Commissioner Grandstaff stated decisions are not made via

email. Daily communication is not a violation. Glenda stated Commissioner Rokosch had data relative to just that topic.

Commissioner Grandstaff requested the Board give the public something to address their concerns. She stated she will talk to County Attorney George Corn today to get something more solid for the public. Commissioner Chilcott stated the issue needs to be addressed now not in February. The County Attorney's Office needs to take proactive action.